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Discussing the Opium Question a Chinese contemporary remarks:—"Of the evil of opium and that of its substitutes, perhaps we have done wisely by preferring the latter as the lesser of the two evils." Perhaps among the "substitutes" mentioned are morphine, the so-called "opium cures," and "strong drinks." One cannot help thinking that had the writer been better acquainted with the history of his country before opium became the popular vice, and familiar also with the loathsome and wide-spread evils of drunkenness in other countries, he might have shrunk from expressing the comfortable belief that China had done wisely by interdicting a habit which expert medical opinion has declared does no physical harm, thus leading the people to fly for consolation to other evils far more brutalising and prejudicial in their ultimate effects. The Chinese people have not always had the reputation for sobriety that they have now. Dr. HENRY GILES, Professor of Chinese in the University of Cambridge, whose knowledge of Chinese literature is probably unsurpassed by any living Englishman, has recently published in a little brochure, entitled "Adversaria Sinica," a lengthy chapter on the

subject of Opium and Alcohol in China, wherein he quotes extensively from the literature of the past to show how at one time alcohol was a dangerous national vice in China. He mentions, for instance, that in the great "Concordance" to Chinese literature, there are over three hundred headings under which numerous references to drunkenness are arranged. Of these headings, he says, the following may be taken as specimens:—Morning drunkenness, evening drunkenness, Spring (Summer and Autumn) drunkenness, solitary drunkenness, drunkenness in company, stammering drunkenness, first to be drunk, blind drunkenness, etc., etc." Proverbial literature, he adds, deals largely with the subject, temperance and hard-drinking principles alike receiving support. It is abundantly clear, he says, that the ancient Chinese, as a nation "gloried and drank deep." He is certainly able to quote abundantly from the literature of the past in proof of the statement. We have from time to time emphasised the consideration that what once was in China may be again; that if the "opium swoon" as Professor GILES calls it, is to be no longer allowed, it is natural to suppose that the Chinaman will turn his thoughts in the direction of alcoholic drinks, and that when this occurs the change will be "from the frying pan into the fire." The first result of the suppression of opium-smoking was to enormously increase the demand for morphine. To check this the Chinese Government has prohibited its manufacture in the country and adopted measures aiming at the restriction of the import to the smallest dimensions, in which effort it is sincerely to be hoped that they will be successful, though they have not up to the present achieved the success anticipated. Next to morphine as a substitute comes alcohol, and there is not wanting evidence that already the consumption of alcohol is on the increase in China. If this continues, as it is natural to suppose it will, the problem with which China may soon have to deal is likely to prove no less difficult than the one which the Government is tackling at the present time. We cannot endorse Professor GILES' statement that the Anti-Opium Society has wholly failed to influence the Chinese Government or the Chinese people. They have, in fact, succeeded to an extent which a few years ago would have been regarded as impossible. The report for which Sir ALEXANDER HOSIE is now gathering information can confidently be expected to establish this fact. Whether this influence is likely to prove permanent is quite another question, and one which time alone will solve. It depends upon the competence of the Chinese Government to deal with the serious practical problems which the suppression of poppy cultivation has created in many parts of the Empire, and it cannot at present be said that they are grappling with these problems in a manner which gives much hope of permanent success.

The German cruiser *Scharnhorst* is expected to leave Hongkong to-day.

The *Minotaur* left yesterday for Singapore, where she will meet the *Newcastle*.

A Peking Chinese newspaper is advocating the prohibition of cohabitation in China.

We understand that "Ligonell," The Peak, the residence of Sir Henry May, has been purchased by Mr. Findlay Smith.

A grand variety entertainment, which will include Chinese amateur theatricals and a Naval display, is advertised for Wednesday, January 11th, to be given in the Theatre Royal. The proceeds will be in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Arsenal Street, an institution which is well worthy of public support.

The three principal banks in Tientsin city, says the *China Critic*, have advanced one million taels to remedy the present critical position in Tientsin native city commercial circles, and this money will be loaned out under the guarantee of the native chamber of commerce. We are afraid, however, this small sum will do little to put trade on a sounder basis.

Mr. J. M. Tavares, managing director of the Hotel des Colonies, Co., Ltd., Shanghai, has resigned the management of that company, but will retain his seat on the board of directors. Mr. Tavares has been admitted to legal practice at the Consular Court of Portugal and will start in his new career in the first week of January.

One of the side shows on the Chinese recreation ground contains a caged tiger, which the keeper advertises as a performing animal. People pay a few cents to enter the tent where it is, and watch the keeper prodding it with an iron rod. To escape this treatment the animal rubs its nose against the iron bars of the cage, and has been doing so until its nose has become quite raw, and now each time it renews the performance it roars with pain. A policeman who was a witness of this performance charged the keeper before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday with cruelty to animals, and his *Wor.* ship ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$10 or go to goal for one month.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

Owing to Christmas falling on a Sunday the religious aspect of the great festival was more emphasised than usual this year, and a noteworthy feature was the exceptionally large congregations attending most of the church services. This, however, did not interfere with the special pleasures of the day, and the young folk found their elders willing and happy to devote themselves to their entertainment as has always been the case on Christmas Day. Santa Claus had a busy time and the shopping, done during the two or three days previous was very extensive. Business generally was brought to a close on Saturday afternoon and the public holidays continue till Tuesday.

The bright bracing weather, which prevailed throughout Christmas Eve was conducive to outdoor exercises and sports, while it tempted many also to take advantage of the cheaper rates on the railway to travel into the New Territory. Heavy bookings were recorded both on Sunday and Monday afternoons. Macao, as of yore, appealed to many and the steamers were well patronised.

The Volunteers and Scouts had a field day yesterday and cricket matches were in progress at the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, and at Kowloon, while lawn tennis kept numbers employed throughout the holidays. Externally there was little beyond the decorated shops and offices to suggest Christmas. A few decorations on hotel fronts, the dressing of ships in the harbour, and the occasional glimpse of Christmas trees were all the outward signs, but the spirit of the season was very apparent and there was the usual cordial exchange of greetings. The sending of cards and presents was mostly concluded by Saturday, but on Sunday and Monday there were a number passing through the post.

ON THE "TAMAR"

On Saturday afternoon the *Tamar* was transformed into a veritable palace of wonder and pleasure for young people. Commodore Eyres, Mrs. Eyres, and the Misses Eyres spent time and money lavishly in entertaining not only the Dockyard employees, but their wives and children. Toys, swings, and dainties of all sorts were provided for the little folks, while opportunities for dancing were not neglected by their elders. Altogether a delightful afternoon was spent on-board by old and young.

THE CHURCHES.

At St. John's Cathedral on Sunday the special services were largely attended. The musical portion was specially attractive and the discourse by Bishop Montgomery was listened to by a crowded congregation. St. Andrew's Church at Kowloon was never so crowded before as it was at all the services on Sunday, and the special services at St. Peter's Church also drew out large congregations. Though there was no special service at the Union Church the occasion did not pass unrecognised. The usual midnight services were held in the R.C. Cathedral and in the smaller churches, followed by the special services throughout the day. Carol singing was heard in several places on Christmas morn, but the custom has not obtained any great hold in the Colony so far.

The Wesleyan Church, Wan-chai, was tastefully decorated by the ladies of the congregation. Winter flowers, and dark green leaves made a very pleasing effect. Most attention was given to the restoration and the Communion table. The Rev. J. Robinson Temple preached in the morning, from the words, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men." The fleet being in the harbour, the attendance was good. The church indeed was crowded. Mr. Longstaff presided at the altar, and the choir sang some Christmas hymns, in which the congregation heartily joined. At night the Rev. C. Bone preached. He took as his text, Psalm xc, 1-5. The sermon was appropriate to the occasion, being the last Sunday evening of the year. Again the congregation was large. Although the evening service is voluntary whilst the morning is a parade service, the evening congregation is usually larger than that of the morning. Again some carols were sung, and the congregation entered very heartily into all the parts of the service.

SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

A dinner was arranged for service men in the Home, for there are always some who prefer the quiet of a place like this to the more noisy surroundings of the barracks. The P.S.A. which meets at 5 o'clock was on Sunday addressed by the Rev. C. Bone, who gave a personal account of "Being lost among the mountains of Kwang-tung," which was listened to by the audience with close attention. After the usual service in the church, there is always a Gospel meeting held in the Home at 8 o'clock. The room was well filled, and many hymns of the Sankey and Moody type were sung by the audience, composed mostly of soldiers and blue-jackets. Hon. Fox of H.M.S. *Minotaur*, took the meeting and gave a thoughtful address. The Christmas Services connected with the festival will close on Tuesday evening, when the "Scolly-wags" will give a concert in the big hall of the Home. As these have given concerts before, though not this year, there is every probability that the audience will be large, and from all that we can hear those who attend won't be disappointed. The work of the Wesleyan Church is largely amongst the men of both services, and these, as usual, responded to the occasion, and showed their sympathy by being present, and throwing their heart into both work and play. The Home was nicely decorated, which was arranged by volunteers, who delight on such occasions to do every thing possible for the success of the hour.

IN BARRACKS.

Christmas greetings were extended and Christmas dinners were enjoyed in the different barracks of the Colony on Sunday, when the Commanding Officers of the different regiments called to wish their men the compliments of the season.

AT THE NAVAL YARD.

The Dock Yard police had their time-honoured spread in barracks on the 25th, when they and their friends passed the glowing hours in the merriest and most peculiar to the season. Commodore Eyres visited the quarters in the morning and wished the men a Merry Christmas, which it was evident that they were bent upon having, judging by the merry faces which assembled at the festive board where "jokes went round and carols were sung." Yesterday the police held a sports meeting at the Happy Valley, where they were at home to friends, and where nearly all won prizes.

CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB.

Wives and children of members of the Civil Service Cricket Club flocked to the grounds of the Club on Saturday afternoon, where a Christmas tree, laden with toys, had sprung up like Jack's beanstalk. The members of the Club had laid themselves out to give their wives and families, or the wives and families of others, a pleasant afternoon, and there is no doubt that they succeeded. Every child who attended was laden with toys, and the air was full of strange sounds made by the combined efforts of a number of youngsters playing an assorted collection of musical instruments. The afternoon was devoted to sport, and the most attractive form of amusement proved to be the "coconut shy," in which young and old joined with hearty goodwill.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE FESTIVITIES.

The sailor ashore was not neglected in the general rejoicings. Those whose temporary home is at the Seamen's Institute spent yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's, where sports were indulged in. A strenuous afternoon in the athletic line creates a healthy appetite, and when the men returned to the Institute they found a good dinner awaiting them. The wants of the inner man appeased, an adjournment was made to the large concert hall upstairs, where lavish decorations lent a holiday aspect to the surrounding. In the centre of the hall was a large Christmas tree laden with reasonable gifts, and after a social evening the seamen all carried off some memento of the occasion.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

December 22nd.

BLACKMAILING A THEATRE.

In all Canton the most prosperous of its theatres is that known as Tung Hing, which is situated on the Bund on the site of what was once a temple. So prosperous has this become that certain robbers have sent the management a letter to the effect that if a large sum of money is not forthcoming by a certain date the theatre will be attacked by a large mob during the progress of a performance. On receipt of this letter the management at once handed it over to the Tactful Police, who has detailed a number of men for special duty to guard the building.

EDUCATIONAL.

The Commissioner of Education has issued a notice to the effect that one hundred persons are required to be trained as teachers of agricultural science. The Taotai of Industries has also received the sum of 636 taels in help of the development of native industries.

TOWN AND DOVEY.

The teachers and students of the High School in the Baling District have sent a letter to the Deliberative Council, the Self-Government Society and the Press Association regarding the conduct of the district Magistrate. It happened that a few nights ago an illumination was held in honour of a certain idol and the gates of the city were left unguarded for a space of three days. One of the students entered the district city to see the sights and fell foul of the police, and he was badly hurt by them. He made his way back to the school and the whole of the students made their way to the town, where they had a conflict with the police, during the process of which many were hurt on either side. The Magistrate came out in person to stop the trouble and by his order one of the students who was evidently the ringleader was arrested. Several persons came to bail him out, but the official refused to set him free. The students then applied as above mentioned to Canton, and have also accused the Magistrate of several shortcomings.

TO PROTECT A CUSTOM HOUSE.

The native custom house in Yeung Kong is situated in a very lonely place, and the officer in charge is afraid that now the winter has set in that his office will be raided by robbers. He has sent in a dispatch in this matter to the acting Viceroy, who has ordered that a supply of arms and ammunition be sent to the custom house for its protection.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The H.A. Linie str. *Arabia* left Shanghai on the 24th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The J.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig* left Shanghai on the 25th inst. at 5 a.m., and may be expected here to-day at 1 p.m.

The O.S.K. str. *Chicago Maru* left Victoria, B.C., for this port via Japan and Manila on the 15th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 13th prox.

The C.P.R. Co's str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 7.30 p.m. on the 23rd inst., and left again at midnight same day for Yokohama, where she was due to arrive at 6 a.m. on the 25th inst.

The H.A. Linie str. *Slavonia* left Singapore on the 24th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

The M.M. str. *Calcutta*, with the French Mail of the 4th inst., and mails from London of the 3rd inst., left Singapore on the 27th inst. at 6 a.m., and is expected to arrive here on the 2nd prox. forenoon.

The Yokohama office of the C.P.R. Co. is in receipt of a wireless message from the E.M.S. *Montague*, which left Vancouver on the 10th inst., reporting all well and that the Commander expects to reach Yokohama at 6 p.m. on the 27th inst. At the time the message was despatched the steamer was 1,175 miles distant from Japan.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

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THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

LONDON, December 26th.
H.I.H. the German Crown Prince is now visiting Jaipur.

THE NASIK CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

LONDON, December 26th.
The High Court of Bombay has delivered judgment in the Nasik Conspiracy trial.

Savarkar was sentenced to transportation for life and the forfeiture of his property, and Chandavarkar was sentenced to transportation for fifteen years.

[This case developed out of the murder of Mr. Jackson, the Collector at Nasik. The man who has been sentenced to transportation for life was an Indian student in London who was extradited on a charge of complicity in the murder. At Marseilles he escaped through the port-hole of his cabin, and his recapture has led to an international question which the British and French Governments have agreed to submit to the Hague Arbitration Tribunal. Pending the decision, the sentence passed upon Savarkar will have no effect beyond his retention in custody. The Special Tribunal at Bombay decided that the jurisdiction of the Indian Court to try Savarkar was not affected by any questions of the legality of his re-arrest at the French port. The evidence given at the trial disclosed that a secret society had been raising funds for the purchase of arms and ammunition and had resorted to thefts to procure these funds. Evidence of bomb-making for the removal of unpopular officials and of the distribution of pistols was also given.]

AUSTRIAN NAVAL PROGRAMME.

LONDON, December 26th.
A Vienna telegram states that the Naval programme to be submitted to the Austro-Hungarian Delegations on the 28th inst. provides for the completion of the two Dreadnoughts now building at Trieste by the autumn of 1913, two sister ships in 1914; three fast cruisers, twelve torpedo boats, and four submarines in 1915. The total cost of this programme is fourteen millions sterling.

STEAMER STRANDED.

LONDON, December 26th.
The steamer "Ekaterinoslay" bound from Vladivostok to Odessa, calling at several Eastern ports en route, has stranded on the Masari Reef in the Red Sea.

THE FRENCH IN AFRICA.

LONDON, December 26th.
The French Minister for the Colonies is asking the Chamber to sanction an increase in the forces in the Chad region from 1,600 to 2,400. The Minister stated that the commander could make no further advance and would confine his task to the present position.

SPAIN AND THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS.

LONDON, December 24th.
The Chamber at Madrid has passed a Bill restricting the religious establishments by 106 votes to 20.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 25th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over N. China, a depression having approached Manchuria from the Westward.
Pressure has increased in E. Japan, also over S.W. China, Annam and the Philippines.
The anti-cyclonic area is lying over the Upper Yangtze valley.
Strong monsoon will continue to prevail over the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—
Hongkong & Neighbourhood N. winds, fresh; fine.
Formosa Channel Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 1.

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THE CHINESE ASSEMBLY.

DEMAND FOR A CABINET.

PEKING, December 26th.
Although aware of Saturday's stern Edict the Assembly on Saturday passed a memorial praying for an early inauguration of a Cabinet.

Saturday's and Sunday's Edicts are considered clever means of appeasing the popular demand without forfeiting the Government's face.

LATER:

Considering yesterday's Edict as satisfactory the Assembly withdrew its memorial praying for the early establishment of a Cabinet. General satisfaction prevails that the crisis has been averted.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

THE AGITATION FOR PARLIAMENT.

PEKING, December 24th.

In answer to the memorial presented by the Viceroy of Chihli on behalf of the students of the different colleges in Peking and Tientsin praying for an immediate Constitutional Government, an Imperial Edict was issued on the 23rd inst., stating that the preceding Imperial order must be obeyed. On the publication of the Edict the students and people became much excited, and, fearing disturbance, the Viceroy sent police and soldiers to patrol the streets and surround the law college.

LATER.

All is quiet and the military have been withdrawn from the law college.

PEKING, December 26th.

An Edict was issued on Saturday in answer to the memorial presented by the Viceroy of Manchuria on behalf of the people of Manchuria asking for the early establishment of Parliament. The reply was that the request could not be acceded to, and the Board of Internal Affairs was ordered by the Throne to direct the Manchurian representatives in Peking to return to their native places.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council is called for Thursday.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock has given notice of the following questions:—

1. What would be (approximately) the cost of turning and laying out and enclosing the plot of ground to the west of the Hongkong Club in such a manner as to make it uniform with the adjacent plot of ground to the west of it?

2. What work, if any, has been done in connection with the proposed erection of a light on Kap Sing Island, at the Southern entrance to the Cantonian Pass? Has any contract been entered into with reference to this work? If not, why not? If so, what is the contract date for the completion of the work?

3. What is the contract date for the completion of the new Harbour of Refuge at Mong Kok Tsim?

4. What is the estimated saving of expenditure to be gained by the omission to erect a clock tower on the new Post Office, as was originally designed?

5. Will the Government lay before the Council the information, which is in its possession, with reference to the prospects of a wireless-telegraphy station, for the signalling of typhoons, being established on some Island of the Prata Group?

The orders of the day are:—

First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend 'The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1903'."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Ordinances relating to Companies."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902." This Bill, however, will not be proceeded with at this meeting.

Last night's concert by the talented orchestra of the German Cruiser Squadron proved a decided success. Our notice is held over till to-morrow.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

The compliments of the season!

Christmas makes most of us indulgent in reminiscences. We recall the happy associations which the day possesses, but most of us, I think, prefer a Hongkong Christmas to the good old-fashioned festival which seems to have no other existence than in the imagination of some of our writers. Who would like a Christmas with the snow on the ground, with the cold piercing to the marrow, with the few hours of daylight, and with the only outlook on life the dining-room or drawing-room window? Who would be so foolish as to yearn for any of these when we can have a Christmas which is a real day of joy. Here we have a Christmas brightened by the kindly sun, we enjoy ourselves in the open air, and we make ourselves comfortable while at the same time indulging in as much of the old-fashioned fun and frolic as we feel equal to. There are occasions when we like to remind ourselves that we did not come to Hongkong for the benefit of our health, but Christmas is not one of them.

I am not alone in believing that Hongkong is a fine place in which to spend Christmas. Look at the number of men of other nationalities who are visiting here at present and presumably enjoying their sojourn here and our good weather. As I remarked last week, it was a pleasant expression of international unity to see so many warships of different nations lying at anchor alongside each other. Britons, Germans, Americans, French, Austrians, Italians, and Portuguese fraternize, despite lingual difficulties, and unconsciously help forward the time when "the world over shall breathe as one man."

We have heard much of late about the tightness of money and the consequent depression in trade, but it was not particularly evident during the past week. Everybody seemed to be buying something, and as it was invariably for somebody else it scarcely needs to be said that the crowds seen daily in the main thoroughfares were good-natured and happy looking. The ladies seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the shopping expeditions which were the feature of the week, while the children found them ever-changing sources of pleasure.

Not for many months has Hongkong heard so frequently the booming of big guns as was the case last week. There seemed to be a never-ending interchange of official visits from ship to ship and from shore to ship, and no small amount of powder must have been blown away within the past few days. One pessimist I met was very much afraid that the firing would spoil our fine weather by bringing down the rain. Fortunately his gloomy prognostications were not realized.

And did you hear the news that's going round? Sir Henry May is to leave after all. He is going to the Fiji as Governor, and while we all regret his departure we are glad that well-deserved promotion has come his way. Practically his whole career has been spent in Hongkong, and it is a striking tribute to his work and personality that both should be so highly appreciated in the Colony. His record in all the offices through which he has passed is one of good useful work, and the thoroughness with which he was acquainted with the operation of the administrative machine has been one of the most valuable assets of the Colony. Hongkong loves a sport, and if the Colonial Secretary had no other recommendations, his all-round sporting instincts would endear him to the British community. We shall miss him, as well as Lady May, whose charming personality and good works live in many hearts. Good luck to both of them, and to their fair daughters in their new home.

The air has been full of rumours during the past week regarding the impending changes in the Civil Service of the Colony. Who is to succeed Sir Henry May as Colonial Secretary? That question has given rise to quite a crop of rumours. Several names have been mentioned, including Mr. Thomson, Mr. Irving and Mr. Clementi. I am inclined to put my money on Mr. Sercombe Smith, formerly for a time Acting Colonial Secretary here and now Third Judge at Singapore. Then we have had the rumour that the Chief Justice is likely to be transferred to Ceylon. Sir Francis Pigott, I understand, has had no intimation of this himself, so the rumour is again proved to be a lying tale. The Hon. Mr. Ross Davies, K.C., Attorney-General, is the subject of another rumour. There is a Bench appointment for him, but again, so far as Mr. Ross Davies knows, I understand, the report is premature. He goes on leave in the Spring. Another Bench appointment, Rumour says, awaits the Hon. Mr. Follock, K.C. It looks as if Dame Rumour has been in a merry mood during the week, and has been distributing Christmas boxes. I hope they will not all prove to be of the stuff that dreams are made of.

Mr. B. A. B. Ponsby, who came out to the Colony with Sir Matthew Nathan as his Private Secretary, revisited the Colony last week—just in time for a Christmas box. I understand that Sir Henry May invited him to become Private Secretary to the Governor of Fiji. Mr. Ponsby has accepted the appointment, and Sir Henry May must have considered himself in luck's way to have this Christmas.

Hongkong has not had occasion to get excited over the tobacco skirt. It is seen here, of course, but if a mere man may be permitted to express an opinion on such a subject, it is not likely to be greatly in demand among our ladies. For one reason, the men despise it. And I am sure the other reason is that the ladies themselves do not regard it with particular favour, even though it be "the latest." An American magazine is responsible for this clever bit.

Mary had a little skirt
Tied tightly in a bow,
And everywhere that Mary went
She simply couldn't go.

ROBERTSON RANDOM.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, Nov. 30.

IMPERIAL UNIVERSITIES CONGRESS.

The University of Hongkong has been invited to send representatives to the Imperial Universities Congress, which is to be held in London during the early part of January, 1912. Dr. R. D. Roberts, of the University of London, is acting as secretary of the Home Committee, which is now considering what subjects shall be put down for discussion. The debates at the Congress will come chiefly under the following heads:—(1) University organization; (2) Universities in relation to teachers and undergraduates; (3) Universities in relation to post-graduate and research work; and (4) Universities in relation to schools and other agencies for higher education. These suggested topics have been sent to the overseas universities for consideration and suggestion, and when their replies have been received then the Home Committee will draw up the agenda. The delegates are promised a hospitable welcome, for already the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Birmingham and other provincial cities are catering for the educational needs of the people, and it is felt that they should all meet and talk matters over for mutual benefit.

SUBMARINES FOR HONGKONG.

The Admiralty has decided to station permanently at Hongkong a flotilla of submarines, and these small craft will leave early next year for their destination. It is understood that the boats to be sent to the Far East will be of the "B" or "C" classes, and the dispatch of the flotilla is to be taken as the first step in the distribution of submarines amongst naval bases abroad. In the naval circles no doubt is felt about the boats accomplishing the journey safely notwithstanding that it is so long a voyage—by far the longest undertaken by British submarines.

CHINESE LOANS.

The Imperial edict recently issued in Peking instructing Governors of all provinces to consult their superiors before contracting any loans has not been lost sight of by London financiers. The pronouncement is regarded as one of the most important issued by the Chinese Government for a very long time past. The direct cause of the edict was the financial difficulty in Shanghai, concerning which an old resident of the Far East tells me there is no knowing what might have happened had it not been for the good offices of the leading British bank. The situation was such that it needed all the prestige of a responsible British undertaking to restore confidence. The decision of the Imperial authorities restricting the powers of Provincial Governors to raise money without sanction from the superior authorities has, therefore, created a favourable impression, and it is hoped that such disasters will be prevented in future.

There is grave reason to doubt whether the proposed American loan of two and a half millions for China will mature. Mr. J. P. Morgan is at the head of the American syndicate, and British, French and German interests were going to participate. There was, moreover, a general understanding between the parties that the future financing of the Chinese Empire should be mutually participated in by them. The Americans laid down as an essential condition that effective supervision regarding the expenditure of the money should remain in the hands of the lenders. China objects altogether to such a proviso, the Government holding that it would be undignified and undesirable to be fettered in such a matter. The situation, therefore, is complicated. France and Germany are prepared to give way on the question of supervision, Britain remains neutral, though sympathetic with the European groups, but America will not part with any money unless in a position to regulate its use.

THE SITUATION IN PERSIA.

Our Foreign Office is still engaged in treating with Persia, and the Government there is credited with at last doing its utmost to restore order on the Shiraz route. Persia objected very strongly to the proposed measures for protecting this trade route, but Sir George Barclay, the British Minister at Teheran, effectively disposed of the protest. He declared that for some time certain Southern trade routes have practically been impassable, and there can be no lasting hope of a revival of trade if the present anarchy continues. In the proposals put forward by Great Britain no infringement of Persia's sovereignty is contemplated, as the officers who would be lent by the Indian Army would serve under the Persian Government.

TO INDIA BY RAIL.

A Member of the Russian Duma is now in London endeavouring to obtain financial backing for a big railway scheme through Persia which will bring London and Bombay within seven days of each other. The project is to link up the Russian and Indian railways by the construction of an international line through Persia. It is proposed to take from Baku, the most southern station on the Russian railway system, a direct line through Persia, via Selatan to Nushki, on the Indian system. The main line would follow the shortest route with branches to the Persian Gulf, and to Teheran, if it is found that the direct line would not go through the Persian capital. The line will be international rather than political, and while the interests of Russia, England and Persia will be predominant, yet the financial help of other European countries will be welcomed. The length of line to be constructed will be 1,600 miles and the estimated expenditure twenty-one millions.

starting. A railway ticket to Bombay from London would cost about £40. Germany regards the proposal with pessimism, and thinks the prospects of raising the capital required on the international market are small.

"Overland to India" is the title of Dr. Sven Hedin's new book of travel, which is to be published shortly. In his last work, "Trans-Himalaya," he ignored the early experiences of his adventurous journey to Tibet and started at once with the record of his itinerary after leaving India. The new book will start the story from the beginning. He travelled to India by the overland route through Tokoroan, and collected on his journey a vast amount of valuable information relating to Persia. This in the hands of a traveller of Dr. Sven Hedin's experience more than justifies the publication of a separate work.

A RAILWAY.

The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce has taken an early opportunity to remind the new King of Siam about the proposed railway schemes for the connection of Siam and South-West China, which have long remained in abeyance. The Chamber respectfully directs the attention of His Majesty to the British railway scheme, and expresses the hope that they may take definite shape. The King of Siam visited the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce in 1901, when he was Crown Prince, and evinced a keen personal interest in the port of Liverpool and its various undertakings.

A CHINESE THEATRICAL CO.

We are shortly to have a Chinese company of actors on the boards of the Little Theatre in the Strand. Miss Kingston has arranged for the temporary suspension of the present piece, "Just to Get Married," and its place will be taken next week by Madame Chung and "her company of celebrated players direct from Peking." At least, that is what is told. This is quite an experiment in Europe. Madame Chung will appear in a study entitled, "The Dragon of Wrath," founded on an old Chinese legend. Although a tragedy in miniature, it gives ample scope for a delineation of Chinese life—wrestling in the combat for the hand of the Princess, Far Eastern music and singing in the betrothal festivities, and some quaint dances by slayer girls. The second act terminates the tragedy with a forceful display of her art by Madame Chung, who dies in the arms of her husband, while he would be betrayer, the disloyal Prince, is killed by the Dragon of Wrath. According to what is stated much of the performance has never yet been seen outside a Peking palace, but it is highly probable your readers know otherwise.

SIR ERNEST SATOW ON MISSIONARIES.

Sir Ernest Satow, British Minister at Peking from 1903 to 1906, has put in a word for the missionary in reply to Sir Hiram Maxims' charges. Speaking from an experience of forty-five years he bears witness to the good accomplished in the Far East, and in China particularly, by Foreign Missions. Sir Ernest refers to the story of the seeking of Peking and the alleged sale of loot by "the missionaries," and says he had his information first-hand. No single English missionary was ever reported to have looted Chinese property. There had, however, been houses in the British Legation, in the palace of a Chinese Prince, opposite to it, between two and three thousand native Christians who were absolutely destitute. He was told that a foreign missionary, with the authorisation of the diplomatic representative of his country, took possession of the contents of a deserted palace belonging to one of the fugitives concerned in the seizure of the Legation and sold them by auction in order to provide funds for feeding his people. That, according to Sir Ernest Satow is what actually took place. Sir Ernest also said that the houses of those who fled with the Empress Dowager were rifled not only by the troops, but by the native population.

FREEMASONRY.

The Ritz Hotel was the scene this week of a distinguished gathering on the occasion of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Empire Lodge of Freemasonry. There was a reception and concert, the guests, who included Lord Althorp, the Grand Master, and Freemasons from Barbadoes, India and the Far East, being received by the Worshipful Master, Mr. Harry Greer. The Empire Lodge was founded in November, 1885, for the purpose of fostering and augmenting the ties of friendship between the British and the Empire. The celebration was a most successful one, and the great public service which Mr. Hiram Maxims had performed. Mr. Hiram Maxims had, it seems, nestled into the public mind a divine discontent with things as they were, and ultimately his efforts had had a lasting effect. By strengthening the means of communication within the Empire he had done much to maintain its unity. Mr. Samuel also promised big reforms in the direction of cheaper cablegrams. In his opinion the "plain language" cablegram was charged rates which could be described as onerous and oppressive. Fortunately this state of things will soon be remedied by virtue of the understanding between the British Post Office and the leading cable companies. There is nothing to hinder the application of the reduction with in the Empire at once, excepting motion from India. The interests of Germany and France in the Indo-European Telegraphic line have led to difficulty and delay in the case of India.

OBITUARY.

The death took place in Edinburgh on Nov. 25th of Lieut-General Sir Robert John Hay, K.C.B. Born in 1826, he obtained his commission at the age of 18 in the Royal Artillery, and in 1860 was appointed A. G. to the Expeditionary Force in China. He was present at the action at Sihing, the capture of the Taku Forts and the surrender of Peking. The late Baron Albert d'Anethaus, of the Belgian Legation, Tokyo, who died on July 27 last, aged 61 years, left estate in the United Kingdom of the value of £2164. The deceased was a brother-in-law of Mr. Bligh Haggard.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

SATURDAY.

This League Match was played at King's Park on Saturday afternoon and ended in a draw.

Score: Kowloon 118, H.K.C.C. 111.

KOWLOON.

	B.	M.	R.	W.
P. Sutton, b. Leith	10	0	0	0
F. J. de Rome, b. Payne	3	0	0	0
Rev. H. O. Spink, b. Payne	3	0	0	0
Lt. Hamilton, run out	2	0	0	0
Lt. Bannister, b. Macdonald	2	0	0	0
Lt. O. Brown, b. Fowler	4	0	0	0
W. L. Weaver, b. Payne	24	0	0	0
Major Chitty, b. Fowler	9	0	0	0
D. J. Macdonald, not out	7	0	0	0
J. P. Robinson, not out	7	0	0	0
Lt. E. Brett, b. Payne	0	0	0	0
Extras	18	0	0	0
Total	118	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Payne	10	2	48	4
Claxton	4	1	17	1
Fowler	6	0	22	1

H.K.C.C.

	B.	M.	R.	W.
P. Jacks, b. Brown	9	0	0	0
A. McKenna, b. Robinson	14	0	0	0
F. H. de Rome, b. Robinson	14	0	0	0
Rev. S. W. Payne, b. Robinson	14	0	0	0
A. Claxton, b. Brett	67	0	0	0
H. Hancock, b. Chitty	24	0	0	0
G. Harding, b. Chitty	42	0	0	0
Dr. Atkinson, not out	42	0	0	0
E. A. Fowler, b. Weaver	0	0	0	0
A. O. Lang and E. C. Leith, not out	10	0	0	0
Extras	10	0	0	0
Total	202	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brown	5	0	24	1
Do Rome	7	0	42	3
Weaver	6	0	28	1
Brett	3	0	16	1
Bannister	2	0	14	0

H.K.C.C. v. K.O.Y.L.L.

These teams met on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, and the K.O.Y.L.L. won the match by 119 runs and three wickets. When seven wickets were down the soldiers declared for 19. To this total Captain Hughes contributed 55, Private Class 43 and Lieut. Thorp 47. R. Hancock made a good stand for the Club, contributing 66 before being caught by Dempsey from off Hamilton's deliveries. Dr. Aubrey was second on the list with 17 runs to his credit. For the Club Young took three wickets, Pearce two and Hancock two. Lieut. Col. Hamilton was chief translator for the K.O.Y.L.L. and disposed of seven of the Club men for 57 runs, while Lieut. Thorp took two wickets for 41 runs. Scores and analyses follow:—

K.O.Y.L.L.

	B.	M.	R.	W.
Gunner Dempsey, b. Daahwood	33	0	0	0
Pte. Class 43, b. Young	43	0	0	0
Lt. Thorp, b. Pearce	47	0	0	0
Lt. Col. Hamilton, b. Young	20	0	0	0
Lt. Day, b. Hancock	20	0	0	0
Capt. Hughes, b. Daahwood	55	0	0	0
Sgt. Booth, not out	6	0	0	0
Pte. Palmer, b. S. Pearce and Lee, Cpl. Massey, Extras	8	0	0	0
Total	219	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	14	1	70	0
Pearce	11	1	43	3
Sharp	11	2	39	3
Hancock	11	1	53	2

H.K.C.C.

	B.	M.	R.	W.
T. F. Pearce, b. Daahwood	7	0	0	0
Capt. Claxton, b. Fawcett	4	0	0	0
A. Deahwood, b. Dempsey	4	0	0	0
W. C. D. Turner, b. Thorp	5	0	0	0
R. Hancock, b. Dempsey	45	0	0	0
A. H. Young, b. Hamilton	0	0	0	0
R. E. Claxton, b. Thorp	0	0	0	0
R. D. Sharp, b. Hamilton	1	0	0	0
Dr. Aubrey, b. S. Pearce and Hamilton	17	0	0	0
Mass, run out	0	0	0	0
Rouquette, not out	0	0	0	0
Extras	2	0	0	0
Total	100	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamilton	12	1	57	2
Thorp	13	1	41	2

MONDAY.

KOWLOON v. B.E.

This friendly match played at King's Park yesterday ended in a win for the visitors.

Score: Kowloon 125, B.E. 125.

KOWLOON.

	B.	M.	R.	W.
F. Sutton, b. Taverer	20	0	0	0
J. P. Robinson, b. Taverer	13	0	0	0
A. E. Raven, b. Foster	10	0	0	0
Lt. E. Brett, b. Taverer	5	0	0	0
D. J. Macdonald, b. Foster	5	0	0	0
Lt. Deighton, b. Foster	3	0	0	0
W. L. Weaver, b. Foster	35	0	0	0
P. J. Robinson, b. Foster	35	0	0	0
Dr. Forsyth, b. O'Sullivan	9	0	0	0
Major Chitty, b. O'Sullivan	5	0	0	0
A. O. Brown, not out	3	0	0	0
Extras	5	0	0	0
Total	125	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Addison	9	2	28	0
Taverer	12	3	36	0
Foster	10	1	16	2

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

	B.	M.	R.	W.
Corpl. McGiegar, b. Weaver	40	0	0	0
Corpl. Campbell, b. Robinson	5	0	0	0
Major Taylor, b. de Rome	10	0	0	0
Corpl. Taverer, b. Raven	56	0	0	0
Rev. Foster, b. de Rome	4	0	0	0
Col. Stapan, b. Raven	39	0	0	0
Corpl. O'Sullivan, b. Raven	0	0	0	0
Sgt. Morgan, not out	15	0	0	0
Extras	15	0	0	0
Total	251	0	0	0

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

This two days' match commenced yesterday on the Club Ground in presence of a large number of spectators. The Services men went to the wicket first and knocked out 234 before they were dismissed. To this total Lieut. Murray, N.C., contributed 96 and Mr. Cooke, representative of the Navy, added 81. The Club made a rather indifferent reply. Pearce went out for a single run, Elborough was run out for two, and Turner had a duck. With some six wickets down for about half a hundred it looked as if the Club were not likely to reach double figures, but Sharp and Mass held their bats longer, while Mass and Bird added considerably to the usefulness of the tail. However, they could not pull the game out of the fire and the last wicket went down with the score at 184, exactly 100 behind the Services. There being forty minutes to spare the Services went in a second time, the score at 530 read as under:

UNITED SERVICES.

First Innings.

	B.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Thorp, b. Bird	23	0	0	0
Lt. Murray, b. Bird	21	0	0	0
Lt. Hamilton, b. Bird	21	0	0	0
Col. Hamilton, b. Sharp	0	0	0	0
Captain Hughes, b. Payne	15	0	0	0
Mr. Cooke, b. Payne	13	0	0	0
Capt. Garrett, b. Payne	10	0	0	0
Capt. Claxton, b. Payne	8	0	0	0
Lt. Williams, not out	20	0	0	0
Lt. Bagnall, b. Payne	0	0	0	0
Lt. Deighton, run out	0	0	0	0
Extras	9	0	0	0
Total	234	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	23	2	115	4
Payne	6	0	20	0
R. Hancock	6	0	20	0
A. H. Young	3	0	38	1
Pearce	1	0	9	0

HONGKONG.

First Innings.

	B.	M.	R.	W.
T. E. Pearce, Hamilton	1	0	0	0
A. C. Elborough, run out	16	0	0	0
Capt. Claxton, b. Hamilton	2	0	0	0
W. C. D. Turner, b. Hamilton	0	0	0	0
R. Hancock, b. Hamilton	35	0	0	0
H. Hancock, b. Cooke	30	0	0	0
Rev. W. Payne, b. Cooke	30	0	0	0
H. D. Sharp, b. Claxton	30	0	0	0
A. H. Young, c. and b. Haughton	23	0	0	0
M. H. Mass, b. Garrett	23	0	0	0
R. E. O. Bird, not out	17	0	0	0
Extras	17	0	0	0
Total	184	0	0	0

MR. R. E. BELLIOS FIGHT IN
WALWORTH.

Mr. R. E. Bellios was generally expected to win his second fight for Unionism and Tariff Reform in Walworth. Last January he brought down the majority of the sitting member, Mr. J. A. Dawes, to 190 on the same ticket. He had to deal with a compact constituency of large and small tradesmen, cotton-mongers, and workmen dwelling in tenements or small hall houses. That he will win is almost certain. The London Morning Post, provided there is help enough. "Vote for Billy" is a popular cry among the stallholders, who know him well. The Christmas trade starts long before the buying season, a large difference to the stallholders. Thus the barrowmen have to feel the pulse of their customers very distinctly in regard to their wholesale purchases. Mr. Bellios asked Walworth to vote for Tariff Reform, to treat the foreigner as he treats them, and give a preferential tariff as between the Mother Country and her Colonies. He is in favour of such a reform of the House of Lords as will make the Second Chamber strong, efficient, and impartial. He believes in old age pensions for more of the industrial poor, and in a strong Navy to protect our commerce and our food. An interview with Mr. Bellios just before the election is reported in the Evening Standard as follows:—

"Treat the foreigner as he treats you, is my motto in this contest," said Mr. Bellios to one of our representatives. "I look upon a reform in our fiscal policy as being a vital and urgent necessity. Unemployment, of which Walworth, unfortunately, has a great share, has been steadily growing for years, and is increasing. This is due entirely to the unfair system of trade between us and foreign nations. I am convinced of it."

"As a Colonial I have at heart the need for binding the Colonies closer to the Mother Country. This ideal will only be realised when the workers in Great Britain see that they must carry out the spirit of my motto. This is the only real safeguard against unemployment."

"Today the manufacturer sends his surplus goods into this country. The price may be low, but does it matter? He is getting rid of goods which otherwise would glut his market. So he 'dumps' his goods here to the detriment of the British working man and his employer."

"The stupidity of the whole thing was put to me by an American in this manner: 'We're on either side of a fence, and each of us wants to get his production on the other side. To put your goods on our side, you pay. When we put ours on yours, you say, 'Send them over—we charge nothing.'"

"I do not say Tariff Reform will show its good effects in a week. But it will immediately restore confidence. The employer will say, 'I am not afraid now—I'll invest'; he will look around for new works, at once unemployment will be set on the downward grade."

"The electors of Walworth have seen the force of these arguments, and we are looking forward to polling day with high hope and confidence."

The Radicals are not exerting themselves to any great extent. They believe that, having traced the majority of their royalties, the position will be unaltered when the poll is declared on Saturday night. Unionists, however, interpret the comparative inactivity to the realisation of an impending Radical defeat. The supporters of Mr. Bellios are nevertheless not allowing over-confidence to affect their efforts. There has been no lack of willing workers, and the candidate himself has laboured assiduously to secure for himself a decisive victory. On the eve of the poll he is addressing no fewer than five meetings. Everything possible to secure for Mr. Bellios a big majority has been done by local efforts. It remains for Unionists who possess cars to respond to his appeal for help in that respect on polling day.

The importance of winning Walworth can hardly be overestimated. If, through lack of vehicles, Mr. Bellios fails to win, the effect will be felt in other London constituencies which poll later. If Walworth and Newington and Camberwell give a good lead a tide of Unionism sweeping over London may be confidently looked for.

THE POSITION OF RUBBER.

The Times of December 2nd says:— Since the beginning of October the price of rubber has only undergone slight changes. Fine hard Para on October 6 was worth about 6s. per lb., and within four days from that date it rose to 7s., chiefly owing to the news that a revolution had broken out at Matanzas and fears of a possible cutting off of this source of supply for some time. But the rising was soon quelled by the Brazilian Government, and the price relapsed to the 6s. level almost as suddenly as it had risen. Since then values have been comparatively steady, sometimes rising a few pence above, sometimes sinking 3d. to 4d. below the basis mentioned. Receipts at Para during October were slightly smaller than those of the corresponding months of the three preceding years, amounting to 5,150 tons against 5,270, 5,495, and 5,300 tons respectively, but during November they have increased to 5,500 tons. Meanwhile the consumptive demand continued slow throughout October, and the deliveries during the month fell to 1,890 tons, against 2,340 and 2,760 tons, in the two previous years, whilst the visible supply of Para on November 1 was 2,654 tons in excess of last year, at 5,600 tons against 3,189 in 1909 and 3,776 in 1908. The November receipts at Para will reach about 3,500 tons.

PLANTATION VARIETIES IN DEMAND.

On the other hand, an expansion in the demand for plantation rubber has been witnessed during recent weeks, and although the quantities offered at auction had been increased to 249 tons on October 18, the price rose 4d. to 10d. above those of the previous public sale, and everything found ready buyers. From October 18 to November 1 Para fell from 6s. 4d. per lb. on October 20 to 5s. 9 1/2d. per lb. Notwithstanding this decline the auction on November 1 of the second quantity of 305 tons went off very satisfactorily at a net decline of 4 1/2d. and 5d. This, with reports of better sales on the Continent, stimulated the Para market to greater activity and advances and reactions followed each other in regular succession within a range of 2d. per lb. The public sale of plantation product on November 15, comprising 265 tons, resulted in the fall of 5d. per lb. Fine Para remained quiet but steady at about 6s. 3d. Smoked Malay sheets rose from 5s. 5d. early in October to 6s. 2 1/2d. on October 18, reacted to 5s. 10 1/2d. on November 1, recovered to 6s. 7 1/2d. on November 15, and this week sold up to 6s. 11 1/2d. for Highlands and Lowlands. Medium and darkish kinds of rope were in most request during the last few auctions, and their prices showed the largest recovery.

THE AMERICAN MARKET.

It would appear from the ready absorption of the larger quantities available that the 6s. basis may be considered reasonable, and also

that consumption is expanding. It has been urged that the American demand still shows no signs of revival, but it should be borne in mind, not only that the United States bought large quantities for forward shipment early this year, but also that she has recently been buying quite freely in the East for direct importation. It is understood that she paid higher prices for these direct imports than the same quantities could have been secured for in London, and it is quite possible that the discovery of this may bring the American consumers back to the London market.

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Day of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		Hour	Height	Hour	Height
Tues.	27	11 1/2	10 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Wed.	28	11 1/4	10 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
Thurs.	29	11 1/2	10 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Fri.	30	11 1/4	10 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
Sat.	31	11 1/2	10 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Sun.	1	11 1/4	10 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
Mon.	2	11 1/2	10 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL
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Hongkong Observatory, December 26th.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.20	30.24	30.15
Temperature	65	65	63
Humidity	19	21	33
Wind Direction	North	East	East
Force	1	1-3	3
Weather	b	b	b
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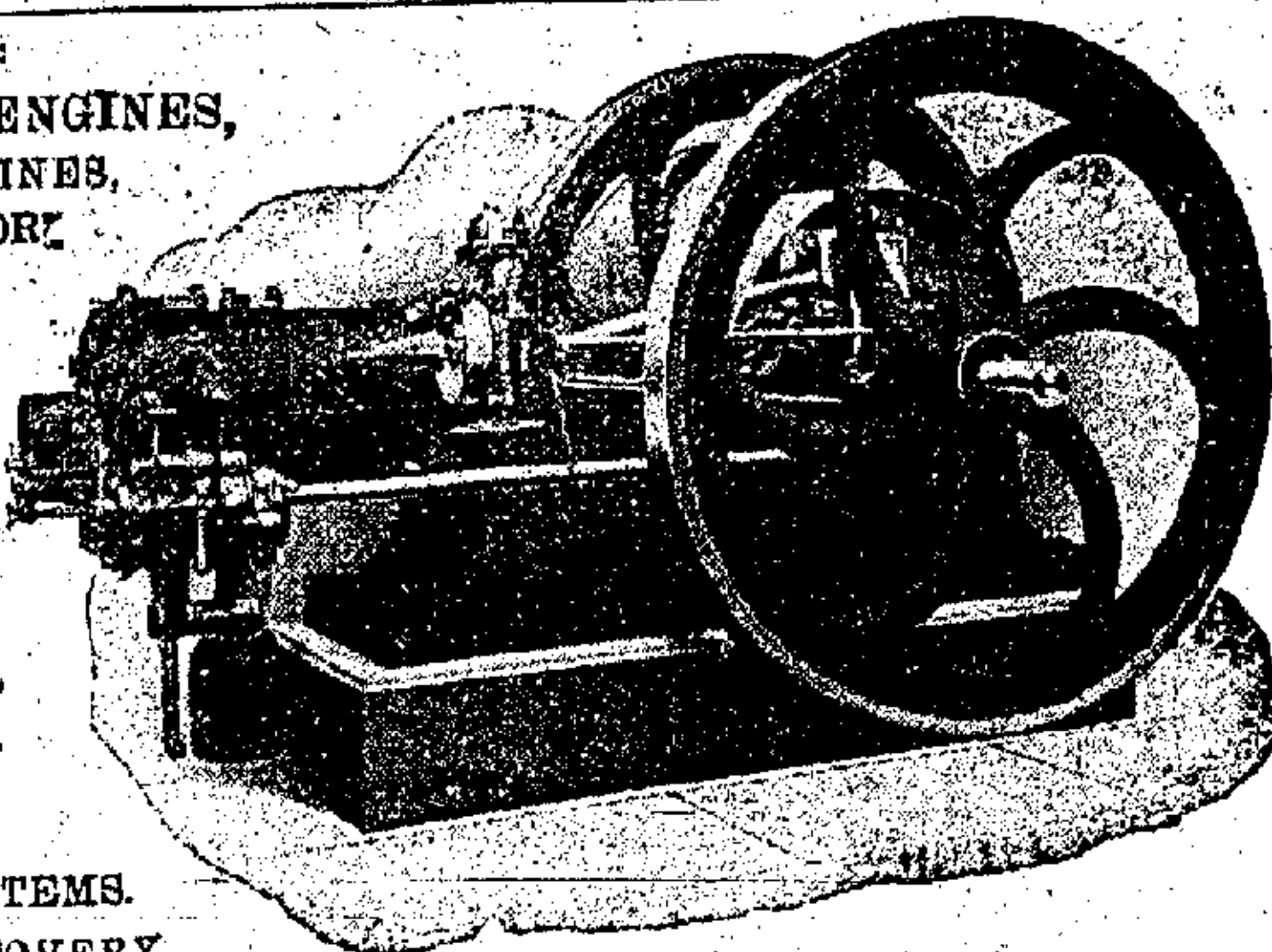
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VORONEZ, Russian str., 3,278, W. Babichuk, 25th Dec.—Singapore, General—Russian Volunteer Fleet.

ZAFIRO, American str., 2,500, E. Rice, 25th Dec.—Cebu, Iloilo and Manila 22nd Dec., General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

DEPARTURES.

24th December.

ALCINOUS, British str., for Singapore.

BULGARIA, German str., for Singapore.

FUKUJI MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.

HIMAYATA, Japanese str., for Shanghai.

HOKHOW, British str., for Haiphong.

JOHANN, German str., for Swatow.

LAISANG, British str., for Singapore.

SEKTA, German str., for Haiphong.

TAIHUW, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

WINGSANG, British str., for Manila.

25th December.

CHOISING, German str., for Bangkok.

DAIWIN MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.

DRUPAR, Norwegian str., for Swatow.

LYAN, British str., for Shanghai.

MATHILDE, German str., for Haiphong.

MERAPI, British str., for Amoy.

PITSANVLOK, German str., for Bangkok.

26th December.

HILARY, German str., for Samarang.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Glaucus reports: Strong N.E. monsoon, high sea, squally.

The American str. Zafiro reports: Strong N.E. monsoon and rough sea.

The French str. Hanot reports: Heavy sea from E.N.E., strong breeze N.E.

The British str. Hainum reports: Moderate E.N.E. breeze and sea, clear weather.

The British str. Cheonghong reports: Fresh monsoon, moderate sea, fine and clear weather.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

December 2nd—Glauco, Nubia, Slavonia, Sander, Indragiri, 6th—Benlarig, Pathan, 9th—Euloca, 13th—Diomed, Kamo Maru, Lathian, Miyazaki Maru, Sazonia, Segogia, Tenkai, 16th—Benlarig, Borneo, Yangtze, Buffalo, 20th—Benlarig, Candia, Inverness, Kanagawa Maru, Monmouthshire, 23rd—Car-marthenshire, Kamo Maru, Kitanu Maru, Laertes, Lyetown, Oceanic, Eneagania, Euloc, Tyden.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

December 23rd—Belgravia, Perseus, Princess Alice, Soyo Maru.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & REG.	PORT.	CAPTAIN.	FOR PASSAGE.	APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOMALI	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Orloff, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	—	About 28th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CYLON	Brit. str.	—	A. E. A. Baker	P. & O. S. N. Co.	—	About 2nd Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DENDROSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	About 15th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PENBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. Hayes	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	About 2nd Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	—	About 7th Jan., at Noon
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SIAM	Swed. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	—	About middle of Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BIRGAVIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Girtonbrun	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	On 11th Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ABASHIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Emus	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	To-day.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BRASLIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Massas	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	On 3rd Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	V. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	On 15th Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	On 1st Feb.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	VILLE D'ELA CROTAT	Frech. str.	—	Barillon	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	—	On 3rd Jan., at 1 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Petersen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	To-day, P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Hagino	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	On 4th Jan., at D'light
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ATSUMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	On 13th Jan., at D'light
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Bahle	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	On 23rd Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINCE LUDWIG	Ger. str.	—	E. F. Ferdinand	MELCHERS & Co.	—	To-morrow, at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Brit. str.	—	R. Colbel	SANDER, WIERLER & Co.	—	On 29th inst., P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INVERCLYDE	Brit. str.	—	J. C. Alexander	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	About 29th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INDRASHA	Brit. str.	—	—	SHAWAN, TOMES & Co.	—	On 21st Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EXPRESS OF CHINA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	—	On 14th Jan., at 7 A.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	—	On 25th Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawara	OSAKA SHOSHUN KAISHA	—	To-morrow, at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	On 3rd Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. S. Cowley	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	On 31st Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUVERIC	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.	—	On 18th Feb.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	—	On 31st inst., at 1 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	—	On 7th Jan., at 1 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SIBERIA	Brit. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	—	On 14th Jan., at 1 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHILIA	Ger. str.	—	H. Raegenar	MELCHERS & Co.	—	On 31st inst., at D'light
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAITIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—	On 13th Jan., at 4 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	On 20th Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	P. Isacks	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	On 17th Feb., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PEIN WADENMAR	Ger. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	About 10th Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MIYAZAKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	On 5th Jan., at 5 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerik	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	—	On 18th Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TIHODAS	Brit. str.	—	N. Teranaka	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	Quick despatch.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BOMBAY MARU	Brit. str.	—	P. Wheeler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	To-day, at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KWANGSANG	Brit. str.	—	G. F. Hudson	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	—	To-day, at 1 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EXPRESS OF CHINA	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHUN KAISHA	—	To-morrow, at 8 A.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BUJUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Formes	MELCHERS & Co.	—	About 29th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BUXLOW	Brit. str.	—	A. Harris	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—	On 29th inst., at 4 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINUA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	On 30th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	T. J. Fox	P. & O. S. N. Co.	—	About 30th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NUBIA	Brit. str.	—	Lafont	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	—	On 2nd Jan., P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CALEDONIAN	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	On 6th Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	FOOKANG	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	—	About 7th Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DELTA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	On 12th Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INDIAN	Dan. str.	—	H. Koops	MELCHERS & Co.	—	Beginning of Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TIKIRI	Dan. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	—	Quick despatch.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINKIANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. C. Passmore	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—	To-day, at 4 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. H. Stewart	DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.	—	On 31st inst., at 3 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HAINUM	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Brans	DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.	—	To-day, at 11 A.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. W. Osterbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—	On 3rd Jan., at 11 A.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	R. Rice	SHAWAN, TOMES & Co.	—	To-day, at 4 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	On 31st inst., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	On 7th Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TUENSIANG	Brit. str.	—	S. Crosby	SHAWAN, TOMES & Co.	—	On 11th Jan., at 4 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ROBI	Am. str.	—	H. A. Harde	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Wiegall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	On 30th inst., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	A. Mocker	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	—	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. H. Belson	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	—	On 10th Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GREY APGAR	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	—	Quick despatch
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUTANG	Brit. str.	—	A. Pander	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	—	Quick despatch
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TYLIWONG	Dut. str.	—	—	—	—	—

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Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

The *Caledonian*, with the French Mail of the 2nd December, leaves Singapore on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 3rd January, 1911, at daylight.

FOR	PER	DATE
Shanghai, Kobe, Moji and Yokohama ...	Nippon ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila ...	Yokohama ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai ...	Kwangtung ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Hainan ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai ...	Buyn Maria ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao ...	Sui Tai ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji ...	Arratoon Apoor ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Hai Phong ...	Carl Diederichsen ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.

NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and SHANTUNG	Seattle Maru ...	Wednesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Hai Phong ...	Hanoi ...	Wednesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN. (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to 11.30 Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Macao, Singapore, Penang and Calcutta ...	Sui Tai ...	Wednesday, 28th, 11.15 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo ...	Gregory Apoor ...	Wednesday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.
Kuchinotsu, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle ...	Oanfa ...	Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila ...	Titan ...	Thursday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao ...	Sui Tai ...	Thursday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Chinhuo ...	Thursday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Jessellon, and Sandakan ...	Mausung ...	Friday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay ...	Frans Ferdinand ...	Friday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Maroni, Kap. Samami, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshöhe, Matsui, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne ...	Coblenz ...	Friday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya ...	Tjilivong ...	Saturday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Manila ...	Loonquang ...	Saturday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO ...

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Hai Phong ...	Saturday, 31st, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haitan ...	Tuesday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.

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Iloilo and Cebu ...	Sungliang ...	Tuesday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN. (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) (The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday, the 5th January, at 5 p.m.)	Devanhe ...	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.

Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle ...

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and YANCOUVER (B.C.) ...	Empress of China ...	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
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COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 24th.

ON LONDON:—	Telegraphic Transfer ...	1/10 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/10 1/2	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...	1/10 1/2	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...	1/10 1/2	
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	1/10 1/2	
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight ...	1/10 1/2	
ON PARIS:—	Bank Bills, on demand ...	233 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	237 1/2	
ON GERMANY:—	On demand ...	169
ON NEW YORK:—	Bank Bills, on demand ...	44 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight ...	45 1/2	
ON HONGKONG:—	Telegraphic Transfer ...	137 1/2
Bank, on demand ...	137 1/2	
ON CALCUTTA:—	Telegraphic Transfer ...	137 1/2
Bank, on demand ...	137 1/2	
ON SHANGHAI:—	Bank, at sight ...	74 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight ...	75 1/2	
ON YOKOHAMA:—	On demand ...	90 1/2
ON MANILA:—	On demand—Pesos ...	90 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	On demand ...	78 1/2
ON BATAVIA:—	On demand ...	110 1/2
ON HAIPHONG:—	On demand ...	1 1/2
ON SAIGON:—	On demand ...	1 1/2
ON BANGKOK:—	On demand ...	8 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate ...	\$10.80	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola ...	\$55.80	
BAR SILVER, per oz. ...	\$25 1/2	

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese ...	20 cents pieces ...	\$6.85 discount
Chinese ...	10 " ...	\$7.05 "
Hongkong ...	20 " ...	\$6.55 "
Hongkong ...	10 " ...	\$7.00 "

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 24TH, 1910.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$895, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	46	\$80, buyers
Bank of China, Limited	8,604	12 1/2	12 1/2	\$8, sellers
Bank of Communications, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$94, sellers
China Bank, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$95 1/2, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$1	\$1	\$7, sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 85
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 70	Tls. 70	Tls. 44
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 46
Laon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 245
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$17 1/2
DOCKERS AND WHARVES.—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$52, buyers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$52, buyers
Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$64	\$64	\$6
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 68
Fenwick & Co., Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 95
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$5
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$3, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	7,000	\$20	\$20	\$205
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$20
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$23, buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$65, sellers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$18, sellers
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$185
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$118, buyers
China Trading Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$43.33	\$25	\$87 1/2
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$560, sales
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$140, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$327 1/2, sales
Yung-tse Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$190
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$99, sellers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$34, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$33 1/2, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100
Shanghai Real Estate Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$39, sales & buy.
MINING.—				
Société Française des Charbons du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$700
Bamb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$21	\$21	\$5, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$13, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$8
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$124
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$22, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$8, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$20, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$50
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$6, sel. £5.2.6.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	60,000 def.	\$1	\$1	\$13
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$12 1/2
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$25	\$25	\$25
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$4, buyers
STEAMSHIP AND TRADING COMPANIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$24, sales
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$12, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$11 1/2, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$10	\$500
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fls.	\$10	\$10	\$64, buyers
RUBBERS.—				
Allagans	750,000	2/-	all	4/6 sales
Anglo-Malays	1,500,000	2/-	all	25/-
Balgonvies	151,200	\$1	all	\$11 (Sta.)
Batu Tigas	70,000	\$1	all	\$5/-
Bukit Kajang	80,000	\$1	all	17/6
Castellfields, fully paid	30,000	\$1	all	12/6 prem.
Cheviote	70,000	\$1	all	10/-
Eastern and International	250,000	\$1	all	103/-
Highlands and Lowlands	307,143	\$1	all	5/6 prem.
Kamunings	1,250,000	\$1	all	16/6
Kuala Lumpur	100,000	2/-	all	67/6
Ledbury's	100,000	\$1	all	66/6
Linggis	900,000	2/-	all	12/3
London Asiatics	1,266,000	2/-	all	5/-
London Ventures	—	—	all	\$33 (Sta.)
Merlemons	1,750,000	2/-	all	46/3
Pegohs	45,000	\$10	all	22 1/2 prem.
Rubber Trusts	50,000	\$2	all	\$26 x. div. (Str.)
Sandycrofts	100,000	\$1	all	72/6
Sapongs	65,000	\$1	all	\$12 (Str.)
Shelfords	125,000	\$2	all	10/-
Singapore and Johore	995,000	2/-	all	11/6
Sunatara Pans	90,000	2/-	all	11/6
Sungei-Kapars	170,000	\$1	all	11/6
United Serdangs	—	—	all	11/6

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

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TO-DAY OPIUM.

Bank Holiday. December 23rd.

Quotations are:—

Malwa New	42,150/2,180 per picul
Malwa Old	\$2,190/2,200
Malwa Older	\$2,210/2,230
Malwa V. Old	\$2,240/2,250
Persian fine quality	\$1,400/1,500
Persian extra fine	\$1,300
Persian Old	\$2,335
Banaras New	\$2,295
Banaras Old	\$2,295

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